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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP: 1655

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FOR: DEODORANT AGENT

**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 5, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5, for examination. As a single disclosed specie, for examination purposes only, Applicants provisionally elect Gingko.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claim(s) 1-5, drawn to a composition comprising phellodendron or gingko.

Group II: Claim(s) 6, drawn to a method for inhibiting body odor.

In addition, an election of species is required as indicated:

Species Election: Applicant is required to elect one single disclosed specie from:  
Gingko or Phellodendron